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REMARKS

Claim 16 remains in this application with claim 16 being an independent claim. Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

In the present official action claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Applicants have canceled these claims and therefore assert that this rejection is moot. Applicants further assert that newly added claim 16 overcomes this rejection as the set forth unsupported limitation of "the first destination-based forwarding router being unable to make multicast routing decisions based on the multicast source address" has been removed.

In the present action, claims 1-15 were also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Pusateri (Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol, Internet Draft, pages 1-62, August 1998). Applicants have canceled these claims and therefore assert that this rejection is moot. Applicants further assert that newly added claim 16 overcomes this rejection (support for which can be found in reference to Figure 5), as each and every element of the present invention as currently claimed is not disclosed in Pusateri.

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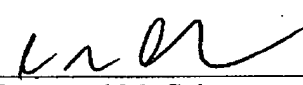
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned at (512) 306-8533.

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